

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**GERALD E. GROFF,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**LOUIS DEJOY, POSTMASTER  
GENERAL, UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE,**

*Defendant.*

Case No. 5:19-cv-01879-JLS

**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pretrial Conference:

Date: March 4, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m. ET

Before: Honorable Jeffrey L. Schmehl

**I. Status of the Case**

The parties have concluded factual discovery. Because expert discovery was stayed pending the outcome of the summary judgment motions, expert discovery has not yet concluded. The parties anticipate concluding expert discovery by April 30, 2025.

**II. Trial Scheduling**

The parties anticipate that the jury trial in this matter will take 3-5 days. The parties are conferring about potential trial dates, with a final pretrial conference be set for approximately one to two weeks before trial. Plaintiff is available for trial the weeks of May 12 and May 26 and the weeks of June 1, June 9, and June 16. Defendant can be available for trial any week before May 26. Defendant's strong preference, subject to the Court's availability, would be to schedule trial for the week of May 12 or any time before then—because one of Defendant's counsel, Fernando Rivera, goes on parental leave starting May 27. The parties can discuss further availability with the Court at the upcoming conference.

### III. Settlement

The parties agree that a settlement conference or mediation may be productive, and they have agreed to conduct such discussions as soon as practical in order to conserve resources and avoid potentially unnecessary expense on expert discovery. The parties have reached out to Magistrate Judge Straw about available dates in the coming weeks and will inform the Court if the case settles.

Respectfully submitted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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